

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 2575
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, an institution of higher education (institution) is authorized to charge up to \$150 for student services fees per semester. Institutions spend student services fees to fund various student activities that are separate and distinct from the general operations budget of the university. However, many institutions are now charging students the current cap of \$150 for student services fees, and find that the fees are not able to meet the service needs of current student populations. C.S.H.B. 2575 increases the maximum limit of aggregate student services fees that an institution is authorized to charge.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.503(b), Education Code, to increase from \$150 to \$250 the maximum total allowed amount of all compulsory student services fees collected from a student at an institution of higher education other than The University of Texas at Austin or a component institution of the University of Houston System for any one semester or summer session. Deletes existing text relating to student approval for certain fees collected at The University of Texas at El Paso.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 54.513(j), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies only to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends Engrossed H.B. 2575 by adding new SECTION 2 and redesignating original SECTIONS 2 and 3 as SECTIONS 3 and 4.